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MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS AS TO STAMPS

USE OF CUT OUT POSTAGE STAMPS

Embossed or impressed postage stamps cut out of envelopes, postcards, letter-cards, newspaper wrappers, or telegram forms issued by the Department, may be used as adhesive stamps in payment of postage or of telegraph charges, provided they are not imperfect, mutilated, or defaced in any way. Embossed or impressed Inland Revenue stamps cannot be used in payment of postage; and stamps indicating the payment of a registration fee may be used only for registered correspondence.

IMPERFECT OR DEFACED STAMPS

Payment of postage cannot be made by means of imperfect or defaced postage stamps. Stamps are considered defaced when marked on the face with any written, printed or stamped characters. For Perforation, see next paragraph.

PERFORATION WITH INITIALS

Stamps may be perforated with initials (but not with names or trade marks), provided that the perforating holes are no larger than those dividing one stamp from another. The work of perforating stamps with initials is not undertaken by the Post Office.

APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOWANCE IN RESPECT OF SPOILED OR UNUSED STAMPS

- (a) Postage Stamps.
- (b) Supplementary Insurance Stamps.
- (c) Social Insurance Stamps.

Any person who holds spoiled Postage Stamps, unused Postage Stamps, spoiled or unused Social Insurance Stamps, or Supplementary Insurance Stamps purchased with a bona fide intention to use them for Postage, Revenue, or Insurance purposes which are not required and have not been removed from any material may obtain cash for them subject to the following conditions:—

- (1) Application must be made on a form which may be obtained at any Money Order Office and repurchase is subject to fulfilment of the conditions stated on the form. The form, with the stamps, must be forwarded by prepaid post, as directed on the form, to the Accountant, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Dublin 1. The stamps should be made up, as far as possible, into £1 packets, each containing stamps of one denomination. In the case of Insurance Stamps, however, the form and the stamps may either be handed in at the local Post Office or forwarded to the Accountant, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Dublin 1.
- (2) Commission is charged at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the face value of the stamps.
- (3) No smaller amount than £1 worth of unspoiled adhesive postage stamps is repurchased from one person at one time.